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 Examining Group 1734
 Appl. No. 09/830,490
 Response dated December 23, 2003
 Reply to Office Action of September 24, 2003
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 Applicants : Akira Ichikawa et al.
 Filed : April 27, 2001
 Title : Process For Producing Cards
 Group Art Unit : 1734
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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In response to the Office Action, dated September 24, 2003, Applicants submit the following amendment and remarks/arguments.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Small entity status of this application has been averred.
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